

10-day gauntlet and his calm determination in the midst of chaos that ensured the safety of individuals thousands of miles away, I submit these words—may they stand as a tribute to his dedicated service when the moment called for it most.

CONGRATULATING KALAMA HIGH SCHOOL'S GIRLS SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING THE WASHINGTON STATE 1B/2B CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Kalama High School's girls soccer team for winning the Washington state 1B/2B championship. Kalama, the second seed in the tournament, defeated eighth-seeded Adna on penalty kicks after their title match remained scoreless through 90 minutes. This dramatic finish helped Kalama earn its first state championship in school history. The COVID-19 pandemic limited many of our high school athletes from competing during the 2020 season, yet these individuals persevered and demonstrated adaptability and competitiveness. For the Chinooks, those attributes paid off in a big way.

Competing in prep sports is a wonderful opportunity to learn lessons in discipline, focus, team play, work ethic, and comradery. Winning a state title is a momentous achievement this team can be proud of for the rest of their lives, and I have confidence they will find success using the lessons they learned while competing in soccer. Go Chinooks.

HONORING THE MISSION AND WORK OF THE IMPACT FOUNDATION AND THE IMPACT COMMUNITY CENTERS

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Impact Foundation, led by Chris Laisure and his family in Bluff City, Tennessee. Mr. Laisure and his family started a foundation and purchased the former Bluff City Middle School that has now been repurposed into the Impact Community Center Bluff City. The campus has been completely remodeled to house several non-profit organizations which support both the community and local veterans. In addition, within one year, the Foundation created and dedicated the Bluff City Veteran's Memorial. This center's footprint continues to evolve and will soon include a museum dedicated to Bluff City and its history.

The Foundation then purchased the Holston Valley Middle School, and it too was completely renovated at no costs to the tenants. It hosts several non-profit athletic organizations with the same mission as the original Impact Community Center, with a focus of offering children and young adults opportunities in athletics from a faith-based perspective.

In addition, the Impact Centers have a desire to provide services to the community to

enhance the quality of life and provide both relief and assistance to those who need it without charge to the applicant. Veterans have a special place in the heart of the Foundation as well.

The Impact Foundation, led by Chris Laisure and his family, has gone above and beyond to change lives for the better every day in their community. Their effort, commitment to good, and strength of collective faith are an inspiration. Without seeking any publicity, the Impact Foundation offers the credit only to God and those around them who seek to improve the lives of their fellow citizens in their beautiful community.

Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Impact Foundation, an organization that seeks to help those in their community and improve the lives of children and veterans through their Impact Community Centers. Their work and dedication serve as an inspiration and beacon of hope to us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF LENA

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the centennial celebration of the Village of Lena. As the Village of Lena celebrates this milestone, we look back on the outstanding history that has shaped the community. Shortly after the Civil War, the small settlement once known as Maple Valley began to grow and flourish into what is now known as the Village of Lena. In 1882, the population center moved to the present location to focus life and growth around the railroad depot. The booming development welcomed new homes, small businesses, churches, a school, a small hospital, several hotels, and social establishments. Within just three decades, on December 6, 1921, the bustling settlement became the incorporated Village of Lena under the direction of then village president, Dr. Joseph Rose.

Over the last 100 years, the Village of Lena has retained a strong identity as a dairy-farming and cheese-producing community and a vibrant small-town with a family-friendly culture. The Village has continued to pay homage to the first settlers of the area and the rich farming history of the region by celebrating the annual Dairyfest each September. It has partnered with businesses throughout the area to host several family-friendly events including the Taste of Fall and Village of Lights which draws Wisconsinites from all over the state to experience all that the Village of Lena has to offer.

The residents of the Village of Lena are blessed to live in such a special place located in Northeast Wisconsin. With 564 residents and growing, the Village of Lena takes great pride in calling this place home for the last 100 years. The Village of Lena has continued to grow and foster a business-friendly environment for the last century. From a small settlement town to hosting Oconto County's largest employer, Saputo Cheese USA, Lena has simply continued to foster growth. I commend the close relationship between the Village and

local businesses that have contributed to the success of the village and Northeast Wisconsin as a whole.

It is my honor to commemorate this historic milestone for the Village of Lena. I invite all members of this body to join me in celebrating the centennial of the Village of Lena. The Village of Lena is a true credit to Northeast Wisconsin and is deserving of the highest degree of recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF PRIVATE ROBERT H. BROOKS AND THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, today, on the 80th anniversary of the attacks on U.S. naval forces at Pearl Harbor, we remember poignantly the courage and sacrifice of America's Greatest Generation.

That legacy of service is rich in Kentucky's Second District, exemplified by the seemingly insurmountable challenges faced by Company D of the 192nd Tank Battalion, which included the Harrodsburg Tankers.

On December 8th, across the international dateline and just hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japanese bombers descended on Company D and other U.S. forces who were stationed in the Philippines at Clark Field. A young private and Kentuckian by the name of Robert H. Brooks attempted to sprint to his station to fight back against Japanese forces. Sadly, he lost his life during his heroic action. He was the first casualty of the U.S. Armored Forces in World War II.

The fighting in the Philippines was relentless for the U.S. service members and Company D. All of the remaining 66 Mercer County natives—known today as the Harrodsburg Tankers—survived the initial conflict. However, 29 soldiers were lost to the unimaginable conditions during the three years they were held at prisoner-of-war camps.

At Fort Knox there is a parade field named after Private Brooks, called Brooks Field, and we will never forget him and those brave soldiers. The bravery of Private Brooks, Company D, and its tankers from Harrodsburg are an indelible reminder of the price of freedom for all that we must never forget.

HONORING LT. COL. EROL K. MUNIR

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an essential member of our team that worked to receive vulnerable Afghans when they arrived in Albania, Lt. Col. Erol Munir.

Born in Boston and commissioned at Fort Benning, Lt. Col. Munir has served our nation as an Army officer for the past 16 years. Service is ingrained in his DNA—both his grandfathers were in the military, which he credits with inspiring him to become a soldier.